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SUBJECT: DIVERSION OF CESSNA AIRCRAFT TO RHODESIA

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I. REFERENCED MESSAGE PROVIDED BACKGROUND AND GUIDANCE
TO BE USED IN RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE QUESTIONS CONCERNING
THE REPORTED DIVERSION OF FRENCH-PRODUCED CESSNA AIRCRAFT
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TO RHODESIA. BALTIMORE SUN ARTICLE ON THIS TOPIC HAS
BEEN POUCHED TO POLITICAL SECTIONS OF ADDRESSEE POSTS.

2. COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IS
RESPONSIBLE FOR INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE INFRACTIONS OF
U.S. RHODESIAN SANCTIONS REGULATIONS INVOLVING EXPORT
LICENSES . IN THIS INSTANCE, IT MAY AT A LATER DATE

CALL UPON ASSISTANCE OF EMBASSIES PARIS AND MADRID,
TO FACILITATE CONTACT WITH GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE AND
SPAIN.

3. DEPARTMENT OF STATE BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS
IN OUR INTERESTS TO CALL PRESS REPORT TO ATTENTION OF
THESE GOVERNMENTS PRIOR TO CONTACT BY COMMERCE INVESTIGA-
TORS.

4. ACCORDINGLY, UPON RECEIPT OF BALTIMORE SUN ARTICLE,
EMBASSIES PARIS AND MADRID ARE REQUESTED TO BRING THE
PRESS ACCOUNT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE APPROPRIATE HOST
GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL. YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT COMMERCE MAY
SOON CALL UPON THEIR ASSISTANCE, BUT THAT IN INTERIM, AS
MATTER OF COURTESY WE WISH HOST GOVERNMENT TO BE AWARE
OF PRESS ALLEGATIONS. YOU SHOULD ALSO STATE THAT WE
WOULD WELCOME ANY REPORTS OF INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS
HOST GOVERNMENT MIGHT UNDERTAKE TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY
ACTION CONTRAVENEING THEIR OWN DOMESTIC REGULATIONS OR
LEGISLATION ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE PASSAGE OF UN
SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA HAS OCCURRED.

5. FOR LONDON: AUTHORS OF BALITMORE SUN ARTICLE ARE
UNABLE TO GIVE DEPT ANY IDENTIFICATION MORE SPECIFIC
THAN A "FISHING COMPANY IN THE CANARY ISLANDS" TO
IDENTIFY THE FIRM WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED AS A
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FRONT IN THE ALLEGED TRANSACTION. THIS WAS APPARANTLY
THE SAME LANGUAGE USED IN THE JUNE, 1977 MILAVNEWS
REPORT, UPON WHICH THE BALTIMORE SUN STORY WAS BASED.
CONSEQUENTLY, WE SUGGEST THAT YOU APPROACH MILAVNEWS TO
INQUIRE WHETHER THEY HAVE, AND ARE WILLING TO SHARE,
MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION WHICH WOULD IDENTIFY THE
CANARY ISLAND FIRM. PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT, MADRID
AND PARIS OF YOUR FINDINGS. MILAVNEWS IS A PUBLICATION
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